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LADIES OF TALENT TAKING UP AVIATION

French Novelist and Musician Win Licenses.

Paris.—Novelists and musicians are seeking inspiration in the skies.

Among the latest women to be awarded pilots' licenses in France are two women whose reputations were first achieved in literature and music.

Frenchmen believe that if a woman can fly the Atlantic ocean, that woman is Mme. Louise Faure-Favier, who is as well known for her books as she is for her flying. She holds the world's altitude record for women flyers with a 6,500-meter distance. Many of her novels have plots of air and aviation. Her latest novel is concerned with the conflict between the black and white races.

Mme. Faure-Favier flew the English-channel in 1910, the first woman to accomplish this feat. She was also first of her sex to fly the Mediterranean from Marseilles to Algiers, which she did in 1923.

France conferred the Legion of Honor upon her for her literary accomplishments as well as her daring air feats. She has a gold medal of the French Aviation club.

Bolivian Woman Sensation.

A South American musician, writer and lecturer, Senorita Amalia de La Tapia, has astonished veteran French air men by her skill in passing pilots' tests in Paris.

Senorita Amalia, who comes from Bolivia, is still in her early twenties, but she handles a plane with daring and skill, although she believes that flying is not a woman's game, as a rule.

"Flying takes too much sacrifice and cool-headedness to be a suitable profession for women," she explained. "There are many other metiers more suited to them and in which they can be more useful than men."

The Bolivian girl first took to the air in Peru, and since then, she says, her one idea has been to become a pilot. When her family opposed her she went to the United States, where she secretly began to learn to fly. She finished her work in France and last spring was breveted pilot.

Can't Get Jobs.

But women are out of luck as aviators in France. They have the legal and moral right to fly, but none of the airplane companies will employ them.

The decision of the international commission of aerial navigation, recently authorizing women to pilot commercial and passenger airplanes, opened the gates to airfields. But the men who own the air services in France say they have no intention of employing them as air pilots.

All the principal French companies have said: "No women." Some of them admit that the rigid physical examination required of pilots would protect the public, but air work is a man's job, they say.

Future perfection of airplane mechanics and science, some suggest, may change their attitude.

Although Senorita de la Tapia therefore has no hope of practicing her profession as a commercial pilot in France, she may, however, take up piloting in Bolvia where the government, she says, is interested in developing air communications despite the difficulties imposed by high altitudes.

British Slave Owners Are Cleared by Court

London.—A judgment by which the Supreme court of Sierra Leone, British protectorate in Africa, quashed the conviction of slave-ownership on charges of assault and conspiracy in connection with slave owning, has brought to the attention of the British public the fact that slavery still exists within the empire.

In quashing the conviction the court declared that the law had always intended that slave holding in the protectorate should die out. The Sierra Leone protectorate, adjoining Liberia, was proclaimed in 1896, at which time slavery was an established custom there. Official action since then has inclined toward the elimination of slavery. Last year it was decreed that children of slaves should be free and that slaves would become free upon their masters' death.

The Manchester Guardian, commenting editorially on the matter, says that the court's decision will give new prestige and power to slavery as an institution.

"The League of Nations is engaged in suppressing slavery," the editorial says. "With what face could we take our share in that task if we have on our conscience such a crime against freedom as this?"

British Birth Rate Now Europe's Lowest

London.—The birth rate in England and Wales has now fallen below that of France. With the exception of Sweden, it is lowest of the principal European countries, according to the registrar general.

The birth rate for 1926 was 17.8 per 1,000 population. Excepting the rate of 17.7 in 1918, the last year of the war, which at that time was regarded as phenomenally low, that for 1926 is the lowest recorded since the establishment of civil registration in this country.

In view of the continued decline during the first half of the current year, it is probable that the rate for 1927 will be lower than that for 1918.

HOME OF ADAMS TO BE MADE SHRINE

Historic Structure Is to Be Opened to Public.

Quincy, Mass.—America is soon to have another national shrine, the historic old Adams home with its wide grounds, old trees and old fashioned garden, beloved of two Presidents of the United States and their distinguished descendants.

Although the old home is to remain in the ownership of the Adams family, as it has since the very early days of the republic, the grandchildren of Charles Francis Adams have decided to give up the house to the public and it will be opened soon as a national shrine.

Tradition has it that Abigail Adams sat down on the horse block before the house and cried when she saw that the house was not large enough for the new furniture she had bought in France. That was why, John Adams, the second President of the United States, added some rooms to the original structure, built in 1732 by Leonard Vassall, a San Domingo planter.

Vassall was a Loyalist and he fled the country at the time of the Revolution. The new American government bought the house and John Adams in turn bought it from the government.

Five generations of the Adams family were reared in the cradle that is still in the house. In the wing chair that stands in the study upstairs the President died a year after his son, John Quincy Adams, had been inaugurated President.

In the stone library which Charles Francis Adams built in the garden in 1873, is the desk at which John Quincy Adams died in the house of representatives in Washington.

In addition to the furniture brought from France by Abigail Adams, are two chairs of Dolly Madison's that came from the White House. There is the old sofa on which President John Adams sat at 90 to be painted by Stuart.

There is a bed that was obtained from Daniel Webster for a bad debt. This is in the middle room in which Lafayette once slept.

The house always has been lived in and the passing years have seen each generation of the noted American family add to its heritage.

Goes Bankrupt Trying to Make French Bathe

Paris.—The scarcity of bathtubs in most of France is often the subject of jokes, but sarcastic critics have a new fact to give substance to their humor.

In the town of Bedarieux, near the southern coast, there are 7,000 people with very few bathtubs. A forward-looking gentleman transformed a villa into a public bathhouse, in a spirit of civic pride, relying upon promises of a good subscription list. He set out to get the wealthy to buy season tickets, good for a bath a week. He finally got 30 to agree to take a bath a month for a year. After the first few weeks, according to reports of the enterprise, the subscribers reverted to primitive ideas of hygiene and demanded part of their tickets to be taken up.

"A bath a month is too often; once every three months is enough," they are quoted as saying.

The bathhouse finally closed its doors, unable to make a go of the bathing business, although there was no competition.

BRITISH ROYALTY IS SAFE FROM ASSASSINS

Own Acts, Though, Often Invite Violence.

London.—The British royal family, generally acknowledged to be the only members of European royalty practically immune from the danger of attempted assassination, nevertheless, by their own acts, frequently court violent death.

The simple act of inviting any member of foreign royalty to Britain increases manifestly the chances of tragedy to British royalty.

The foreign visitor is accorded a royal welcome with its accompanying drive in an open carriage through the crowded streets of London. The danger is always there of a foreign fanatic, nursing a supposed grievance against the royal visitor, being a member of the cheering crowds.

This apparent danger to the reigning house of Britain on the occasion of state visits was impressed sharply on the public mind during the visit of King Fuad of Egypt. The troops and police escorting King Fuad, King George, the prince of Wales, and the duke of York from Victoria station to Buckingham palace, were startled to hear two loud reports resembling revolver shots from a section of the crowd lining the route. Surrounding the crowd, they arrested a youth who had discharged a toy revolver. A trivial incident, happily, but it might easily have been serious.

Feared Egyptian Anarchists.

Also during this visit Scotland Yard was further disturbed when it was reported from Paris that an Egyptian extremist had escaped the vigilance of the native police and was heading for England for the alleged purpose of wreaking his vengeance on King Fuad.

King Alfonso of Spain is a frequent visitor to London. The numerous attempts to assassinate him are legend. The special branch of Scotland Yard is tuned to the utmost whenever this monarch pays a visit to his royal cousin, King George.

Scotland Yard, entrusted with the safety of royalty, is perhaps the most efficient organization in the world and it has accomplished wonders in preventing attempts to get at royal visitors, but there is always the danger of a slip.

British royalty fears nothing from its own public. It has long been the admiration of the public, and foreign visitors have been awed by the manner in which members of the British royal family mingle with the people. Especially is this illustrated on the race tracks. King George and the prince of Wales delight in escaping from their escort and retinue to join pray with the throngs playing their particular pony.

High and low, members of the exclusive Jockey club, race track tout, statesmen and things—all combine to give them a royal welcome should they recognise a royal visitor among them. It is safe to say that not one member of the racing fraternity here, no matter how bad his record, would think of lifting a finger to do harm to any member of the British royal family. It was a favorite trick of King Edward's—and incidentally the despair of his escort—for him to dart away unseen and mix with the gypsies on Epsom Downs during Derby race week.

It will be recalled that only last year an American visitor shook hands with King George during the Wembley exhibition. The prince of Wales is continually "stumming" in the east end of London.

Envy of Other Monarchs.

Foreign monarchs sitting on tottering thrones view with envy this—in their eyes—remarkable freedom. If and when they are deposed they have no hesitation in making for the hospitable shores of Britain to renew the threads of their broken life under less onerous conditions, but with a great deal more safety.

Ex-King Manuel of Portugal has for many years found it to be a haven of rest. Napoleon III of France set up household in Britain following the revolution in France in 1870. Ex-King George of Greece, deposed by popular vote in 1924, is now engaged in seeking an estate in rural England.

The ex-Kaiser would undoubtedly be residing in Britain today—a desire he has often expressed—but for the fact that several British juries have brought in charge of willful murder against him in consequence of the deaths caused through German air raids.

British royalty are experiencing an exceptionally busy time this year welcoming foreign rulers to Britain. President Doumergue of France, the king of Spain and King Fuad of Egypt, have already come and departed. The president of Liberia has just arrived, while King Boris of Bulgaria, contemplates a visit in the near future.

Strenuous Prince

Montreal.—The prince of Wales is a disciple of the strenuous life. A few of his activities on the last full day of his visit to the dominion were visits to two warships, a game of squash rackets, a round of golf and a formal dinner.

Believe in Signs

Asbury Park, N. J.—Fish hawks here believe in signs. Unable to feed on the fish in a lake muddled by recent storms, two fish hawks attacked a four-foot tarpon, hanging in front of a fish store.

Campers Have Choice of 550 Natural Parks

Washington.—Motor tourists and enthusiasts for the out-of-doors now have at their disposal, in 43 states, about 550 state parks or similar areas, with a total area exceeding 2,500,000 acres.

The number is growing steadily, but the tourist who cannot find what he wants in the way of wild life or life in the wild among the parks can find numerous other reservations where he may take himself and his longing to "rough it." More than 150 state forests are open to public recreation. They contain 1,500,000 acres of "unimproved" land.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Ferguson, and daughter, Etta, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ferguson.

Mr and Mrs. W. R. Baldwin, and family, visited her mother, Mrs. A. E. Coleman Sunday.

Mrs. Joel Cawthorn spent Sunday evening with Mrs. T. W. Odor.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Chernault spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. A. E. Coleman.

Mrs. W. P. Cdor left Sunday for Baltimore where she will visit her father.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Odor took Mr. Robert Odor to Lynchburg last Thursday for treatment of his eyes.

EVERGREEN

Miss Virginia Shearer and several others from Lynchburg Sunday to organize an Epworth League at the Methodist Church.

Many people of this community have been attendidg the revival meeting of L. E. Dickerson.

Mrs. O. P. Farrar is visiting relatives in Richmond and also attending the Fair.

Miss Madian Lee and friends Mr. and Mrs. Nicklas, of Lynchburg, spent Sunday with home people.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hamilton, and family, spent Sunday at the home of Rev. E. F. Burnett at Vera.

Mrs. Tommie Jennings, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end at her home here.

The Presbyterian lawn party which was held here Saturday night was quite a success. Also a nice sum was realized.

The farmers are improving their land by use of lime. Three car loads of lime are being unloaded here this week.

FOREST VIEW

Every thing looks good this morning after such a powerful rain yesterday.

Several from this community attended Court yesterday to hear the Hurt murder case.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Martin had the pleasure of going to old Wesley Chapel church last Sunday, but were disappointed in not hearing the beginning sermon of the revival.

Mrs. Otey Jones had the misfortune one day last week to get badly bruised up, she was returning from the home of her father, B. N. Tanner, and as she got near the Bill Tanner place her car became unmanageable for some reason and she ran into the bank. She then got out and took her three baby children from the car and aimed to turn or cut the wheel to start again, the car started knocked her down, dragged her and finally the wheel ran over her. No one living close by, she then walked about a mile with those little children for assistance. She was taken to her home and is getting along very well.

Miss Bessie Martin and Mrs. Annie Odor and little Thomas Odor spent last Sunday in the home of W. T. Nash.

We are sorry to know Mr. Bill Overby is in such a serious condition. He has been removed to the home of Mr. Clifton Jones and his mother has been brought to his bedside. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

We are glad to learn Miss Bernice Ford, now of Lynchburg, is getting along nicely after undergoing an operation for appendicitis last week; also her tonsils were removed. She was in a very serious condition and her people and friends were anxious about her. Her father. T. H. Ford, has been with her several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woolridge, of Grifton, N. C., spent last Tuesday night with his sister, Mrs. J. A. Martin, and left for their home Wednesday morning by the way of Brookneal.

ROCKS NEWS

Miss Dorothy Marsh, of Lynchburg, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh last week-end.

Miss Lizzie Ranson, of Lynchburg, was week-end visitor of her sister, Miss Alice Ranson.

Mr. D. W. Dinkins is home for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lockwood and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ranson and children, of Norfolk, spent the week-end in this community visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ranson, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Ranson, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Dinkins, Mr. and J. A. Garrett and others.

A few of the young people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Dinkins Saturday night and reported a fine time. Those present were: Misses Annie, Emma, Alice and Gladys Ranson, Ella Epperly and Zelia Inge, of this community and Misses Virginia and Beatrice Ranson, of Norfolk, Messrs. Jim Harry, Otis, Charlie S., and Charlie C. Ranson of this community, Tip Paulett, of "Cub Creek" neighborhood, Daniel Jennings and J. K. Hamilton, of Evergreen, Palmer Ranson, of Norfolk, and Eddie Dickerson, of near Pamplin.

Some of the neighborhood folks attended the meeting at the Surrender Grounds last week.

STONEWALL

A wonderful rain came Monday.

Rev. Redding conducted revival services at Stonewall last week with very inspiring messages.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Stratton and young son, Jimmie, of Alexandria, have moved back to Stonewall and are making their home with their parents, Mr. C. M. Stratton, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Drinkard spent some days in Lynchburg last week with their son, H. A. Drinkard and Mrs. Drinkard and their daughter, Mrs. F. C. Drinkard and Frances.

Rev. A. I. Caudle left last week by automobile for a month's trip to Florida. Mrs. Caudle is filling his appointment at the churches. She gave Hebron congregation a wonderful message Sunday morning. Only wish she could bring such messages oftener.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Stratton and daughters, Louise and Fay, who have been living in Atlanta, Ga. a few years have moved back and living with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Carson.

Mrs. Clayton Drinkard and Clayton, Jr., have concluded a month's visit with her father, T. W. Cobb in Franklin. Having been called home by the illness and death of her mother. Mrs. Drinkard was accompanied home by Mrs. C. J Cobb and sons, Harry, James, Raymond and Samuel Lankford. They returned to Franklin on Sunday.

Sgt. G. A. Jacobs, of Richmond, is spending this week with Mrs. Jacobs and Betty, who have been spending some time with Mrs. Jacobs parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stratton, Sr. Mrs. Jacobs and Betty expect to return to Richmond with him Sunday.

Mr. J. H. Elder and daughter, Mary, of Richmond, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stratton. Mr. Elder is attending Appomattox Court, being summoned as a witness.

Mrs. J. B. Taylor's week-end guest list included Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stratton and family, of Alexandria, and daughter and children, of Florida; Mr. Claude Taylor and family, of Burkeville; Mr. D. L. Taylor, Jr., and family, of Lynchburg; and Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Stratton and son, Jimmie.

Rob Davidson, of Alexandria, visited home people for the week-end.

Mrs. F. E. Jennings and Clayton T Drinkard recently visited in Franklin, Va.

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